

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Don Young
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Securing funding for our nation's interstate highways, city streets, county roads and bridges should be one of the top priorities of the 108th Congress. Through the reauthorization of TEA-21, we have the opportunity to ensure that our infrastructure is sound and that we are prepared to face the transportation challenges of the future.

During the first session of this Congress, several members of both the House and the Senate have developed transportation reform proposals, which would efficiently and effectively generate billions of transportation dollars. Each of these proposals has been assigned to your committee and they merit your strongest consideration.

We urge you to hold a full committee hearing to discuss transportation reform, specifically the Fast Act, Davis-Bacon Reform, bonding, an expansion of state infrastructure banks, and private/public initiatives, so Congress and private citizens will be well informed about all the transportation funding options available. It is crucial that we approach the TEA-21 reauthorization armed with innovative ideas and sound fiscal solutions.

Again, we thank you for highlighting our nation's great need for transportation funding. Therefore, we ask that you make holding a hearing on transportation reform a priority in your committee.

Sincerely,

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